down, screaming children and parents, and seven canoes running amok down the busy thoroughfare! Fortunately, there were no tragic consequences of this dramatic performance.

The career of our friend continued with unabated progress. In 1949, he was appointed as Manager of the Woolooware Department and, in 1944, was selected to re-organize country stores of the recently-purchased Gilpin group. In 1946, he became Controller of the Ground Floor and Toy Departments of the Fitzroy Store.

This year was one posing many problems for retailers. Production had not " geared up" to peace-time requirements, rationing was still in vogue, and the insatiable demand for consumer goods far outstripped the capacity of industry to meet it. Although this position gradually improved an added complication at Smith Street was the lessening population of adjacent areas and the consequent decrease in customer traffic.

Fray and Gilpin was purchased by Cox Bros, in 1935, and a later realistic appreciation of population trends was followed by a decision to close the Fitzroy Store. The Collingwood Store was modernized to attractive, and efficient, standards and, in 1957, all of Fray and Gilpin's activities in Smith Street were accentuated on the Collingwood side of the once-pedigree thoroughfare. Fitzroy store staff were transferred to the new location. In 1958, Mr. Marshall became Assistant Store Manager to Mr. Frank Ogle, now of the City Store. Other Store Managers to succeed Mr. Ogle were Mr. I. Jolliffe (now at City Store, also) and Mr. A. Griffiths (now at Cox Bros, Head Office in Flinders Lane).

In 1959, the subject of this article became Store Manager, so achieving the ambition of a lifetime. He holds the position with dignity and credit, to-day, and enjoys the respect, and confidence, of all ranks in the organization. Mr. Marshall's knowledge of local affairs, and his respect for his retailing capacity, prompted the decision.

Do not think that concentration on a business career has meant the exclusion of other interests from Mr. Marshall's life. A member of Foy's Band Committee since 1931, he has been Secretary during the years 1935-1939, and Chairman of the combined Social Club Committee since 1948.

To this social activity, may be added our friend's remarkable participation in a great number of unusual hobbies. He, and his two twin sons — Trevor and Neil — are accomplished horsemens and, between them — have won over 100 prizes in jumping, and cross-country events at various shows and gymkhanas. These successes include prizes for horsemanship at the Royal Shows of 1957 and 1959.

But it is in other unusual spheres that our PERSONALITY has acquired even greater eminence. Always mechanically minded (a heritage from his father who was a pioneer in Aviation, and who built the first Australian bi-plane in 1906-1912), Laurie turned his gifts to advantage in the now-popular field of the "vintage" car. One thoroughbred Crossley car that, in its hey-day, had won the Light Car Championship Trial, the Arbys Hill Climb, and the C.O.R. Petrol Consumption Competition in the years 1933-1935, was rebuilt to such effect that it has won (in his ownership), the coveted Concours D'Elegance trophy at Kalbarri in 1957, 1958 and 1959.

A similar type of car was also rebuilt — with technical advice from Mr. George Moate, of the Collingwood Garage — and this hardy veteran won the Racing Car Class (and driven by Neil Marshall) at the Hob Roy Hill Climb. In the same car, and later in the year, Laurie drove this speedy job into third place in the Standing 3 km Sprit of 1960.

At their Eaglemount home, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall have a veritable treasure-house of wonders in the way of a unique collection of music-boxes. The collection is considered to be one of the most outstanding in Australia. A complete description of all the novelties is impossible because of our space limitation, so it suffices to mention but a few. There is the "Regina" — an automatic machine playing 12 huge 28 inch discs and, assuredly, the precursor of the modern "juke box"; the figure groups with an animated Svengali-Trilby and playing 72 tunes with accompaniments of castinets, drums, bells and an organ.

These remarkable hobbies, and the life-story of our PERSONALITY, support the belief that Mr. Marshall is, indeed, a person of remarkable and varied interests.

Engagements

Sincere congratulations are conveyed to the following staff members, whose engagements have recently been announced:—

Miss Lois Mattinson, Glove Department, Bright & Hitchcocks.
Miss Ann Harvey, Maidswear, Bright & Hitchcocks.
Mr. Brian Morrey, Depotach, Myers, Bridglo, to Miss Annette Martin.
Miss Noni Smith, Corset Salon, City Store, to Mr. Ray McKenzie.
Miss Julie Flott, Corset Salon, City Store, to Mr. James McDonald.
Miss Marlene Cleary, Showroom, Bowrings, Mildura, to Mr. Geoff Goodall.
Miss Barbara Desouy, Millinery Department, Morseholes, Ballarat, to Mr. Allen Taitor.
Miss Wendy Shaw, Office, Morseholes, Ballarat, to Mr. Douglas Gent.
Miss Wilma Blew, Childwear Department, Parton's, Dandenong, to Ivan Prentice.
Miss Frances Peddie, Toy Department, Chadstone, to Mr. Dan Johnson, Floor Coverings, Chadstone.

Marriages

Every good wish for future happiness, health and prosperity to the following persons whose marriages were celebrated recently:—

Miss Lorraine Williams, Docket Office, Collingwood, to Mr. Hugh Schuler.
Staff gift to Lorraine was a light shade with appropriate fittings.
Miss Kathleen Wood, Office, Collingwood, to Mr. Kevin Stoumnam.
Kathleen was presented with a kitchen stove and cutlery by her colleagues.
Miss M. Mahoney, China Department, Colac.
Mr. Kumar, Windows Department, Bright & Hitchcocks.
Mr. Ken Bostom, Advertising Department, Bowring's, Mildura, to Miss Carolyn Howell.

Births

"News Service" expresses its felicitations to the following staff members, whose families have been blessed with recent additions:—

Mr. & Mrs. J. N. Watt (Managing Director), referred, eulogistically, to his recent acquisition of a hardy veteran won the Racing Car Class (and driven by Neil Marshall), the Arbys Hill Climb, and the C.O.R. Petrol Consumption Competition in the years 1933-1935, was rebuilt to such effect that it has won (in his ownership), the coveted Concours D'Elegance trophy at Kalbarri in 1957, 1958 and 1959.

One of the very best entertainments yet held in the City Store took place during the 12 noon — 1 p.m. on Thursday, 16/3/1961. The said function was 3DB's Lunchtime "Funtime" — a session where the entertainers are drawn exclusively from the staff at the venue selected by the broadcasting Company. Arranged by Mrs. Matthews (Advertising) and conducted by Mr. "Bill" Collins, of T.V. and radio fame, Foy's staff produced a programme that attracted spontaneous applause from a large Roof Top audience. Artists were:— Leon Ashley (Men's Stock Auditory), Bruce Rawlings (Men's Stock), Peter Elyde (Advertising), Barry Balmer (Fashion Floor) and Mary White (Accounts). Sincere congratulations from "News Service" to the talented entertainers, and equally sincere felicitations to the personnel who arranged the programme.

A long association with Foy's came to a close on 2/3/1961, when Mr. William Trentham, of the Boys' Clothing Department, retired after 50 years continuous and meritorious service. At a farewell function tendered to Mr. Trentham on the day he ceased duty, Mr. J. N. Watt (Managing Director) referred, eulogistically, to the fine record of our friend and wished him many years of happiness and health, retirement. A substantial cheque, and many other gifts were presented to the gentleman who fittingly responded. "News Service" adds its quota of goodwill to an admirable officer.

Staff will regret to learn that Miss Gillard (Knitwear Department) and Miss Robins (Sportswear) are to enter hospital in the near future for operations. To both ladies, all Staff convey their sincerest regrets for their respective indisposition — and all good wishes for speedy, and permanent, recoveries.
Two leading executives have returned to duty after absences abroad. They are Mr. N. E. Neville, Merchandising Manager and a Director of the Company, and Mr. R. Crow, Controller, Men's Store.

The Easter motif on the Ground Floor has attracted more than passing interest. The theme is the Story of Christ's Life, Passion, and Death. Eight large and beautifully-executed wall panels depict the Birth, the Flight into Egypt, the Sermon on the Mount, the Entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Carrying the Cross, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. All are dramatically coloured and depth has been achieved by a bas-relief technique to many of the main figures in each scene. Congratulations to Mr. Ken Bandman and his Display team on a superlative presentation.

And — whilst on the subject of matters artistic, it is worthy of note that a recent painting by Mr. Bandman, that was on exhibition in a current Art Show, was purchased by an eager buyer almost as soon as the canvas "hit" the display line.

Margaret Fernaudis, Corset Salon, recently celebrated her 21st birthday, and has received many congratulations on this important event. "News Service" also adds its good wishes.

**PRAHRAN**

New staff at Prahran has been given an appropriate welcome. They are:

Mesdames Joan Hayes, Mrs. J. Morgan, J. Hoppark, and Mary Stankovic, and Messrs. L. Clark, J. Saxe, E. Chestfield, E. Masden and R. Conroy, Manager, Shoes.

All Staff join in heartily congratulating Mrs. E. Matthews on her recent promotion to the position of Manageress of the Cafe. "Newsy Service"joins in the greetings, and expresses the sincere hope that the elevation is rewarding, happy and congenial.

An unfortunate accident marred the otherwise excellent holiday being completed by Mr. & Mrs. B. Walters. Returning from their annual leave, their car got out of control, ran off the road to collide with a post, and overturned. Both occupants sustained severe cuts, bruises and shock. At the time of going to press, Mr. & Mrs. Walters are both in sick leave. Mr. Walter is a number of the Soft Furnishings Staff, whilst his wife is employed in the China Department.

Best wishes for speedy and permanent recovery.

Mr. Reg Myers, Mail Order Department, is justifiably proud of the following letter, recently received from the Royal Children's Hospital Orthopaedic Section, Frankston:

Dear Mr. Myers,

I would like to thank you for the attention you, and your Staff, gave to the order placed by the Railways Employees Auxiliary of our Parents' Association, for gifts for our patients.

It is clear that a very personal interest was taken in preparing this order, and a lot of thought given to the present for the right child.

We do appreciate this, and I should be glad if you would accept, and convey to these concerned, our grateful thanks.

G. KEYSMITH,
Medical Superintendent.

To the sentiments expressed by the Superintendent, we add our felicitations.

**COLLINGWOOD**

Since the last report from Collingwood, there's been a plethora of 21st birthdays amongst members of the Docket Office Staff. The young ladies who attained their majorities all received gifts to commemorate this event. Details follow:

Miss Lorraine Williams, who received a gift of culture pearls.

Miss June Benning, who was the recipient of a fine pigskin case and perfume, and

Miss Heather Forbes, whose colleagues presented her with a travel case.

Hearty congratulations to the trio of young ladies.

Miss Jennifer Todd has resumed duty after her recent sojourn in hospital for an appendix operation. All are glad to see the lady again, and the universal wish is that she has a complete and permanent recovery.

A rather depressing hat-trick nearly eventuated in the first week of the month at the Collingwood Store. A flood took place on Thursday, 2/3/1961, when an unattended tap overflowed on to the Manager's Office, and this, in turn, overflowed to the Manager's Comptometer — the last of a doleful trilogy — has been avoided. Never a dull moment at the Collingwood Store!

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Still on the theme — Athletics — it is recorded that a most successful Sports night was held in the Store Canteen recently. Amongst a very varied syllabus were such items as Quoits, Darts, Decorations and Tug of War. The most interesting tussles took place, and we note the fact that in the realm of Chess, Mervyn King emerged as undisputed master.

A most unusual, but highly-successful function arranged by the Social Committee was the visit to the Metro Theatre, Melbourne, to witness the spectacular "Ben-Hur." Four car loads of members took part in the event, and the same was voted by all as being one of the most enjoyable evenings yet experienced.

Last but, by no means least — of the social items conducted over the period of time since the previous issue of "News Service" was the visit to Petone during the month of February. Private cars transported a good muster of staff members to the picnic spot, and a most enjoyable sports programme followed. Amongst the events were an Egg and Spoon race (won by Margaret Buchanan), Pyramid Building, Beach Cricket and a Siamese Race (won by Mrs. Eden and Don Stirling). The barbecue, itself, was undoubtedly the "high-light," and the hungry picnickers did full justice to the succulent steaks, and other fare, amply provided for their entertainment. Heartfelt congratulations to the indefatigable Social Committee on yet another success.

BENDIGO

Staff members have every reason to be proud of the splendid record of achievement on the part of the sons and daughters of their colleagues in the field of scholastic proficiency. We instance:

Seconne, son of Mr. Keith Seconne (Manchester), was recently awarded a Diploma bursary for teaching.

Hocking, son of Mr. Steve Hocking ( Carpets ), recently won a Government bursary for the Berluga Senior Technical School, and

Gerladine Martin, daughter of Mrs. Martin ( Office ) gained a Government teaching bursary returnable at La Nooke College and the indefatigable Social Committee on yet another success.

Two respected members of the Staff have been in hospital, and the thoughts of all at Bendigo are with them. We wish a speedy and permanent recovery from present illnesses to Miss Turner ( Mantles ) and Miss Margaret Laidlow ( Office ).

An outstanding fashion event in Bendigo's history was the recent display of the latest fashions from the City Hall on Wednesday, 8/3/1961. The presentation was at a Food and Fashion Fiesta arranged by the Gas and Fuel Corporation, in conjunction with Myers of Bendigo, and the proceeds from admission was in all £652 in a 4-weeks concentrated effort.

Two Staff members recently sustained accidents. Miss Maureen Loveday ( Menswear ) did a Mildura entrant from our organization secure the highest honor of the Mirridong Home for the Aged Blind. The four models who displayed the forks were Misses Rosemary Magan, Loretta Wentworth, Eileen Trelor and Judy Gerrand. Each is to be congratulated on an excellent performance.

Mr. Bill Theodore ( Controller of Menswear ) and Mrs. Theodore were farewelled at a Buffet Tea in Myer's Cafe on the eve of their overseas departure. Mr. Theodore, who was a D.S.M. winner in the Second World War, is taking part in the "Back to Tobruk" pilgrimage, as his R.A.N. Service during the conflict on the destroyers "Arunta" and "Agra.

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MILDURA

Just as was the case with a nominee in a Colac Carnival, so also did a Mildura entrant from our organization secure the highest honours in a local charitable effort. The young lady concerned was Miss Joyce Williamson ( Permanent Budget Accounts Department ), who was crowned Queen of the Mardi Gras at the recent Carnival promoted by the residents of the Mildura Base Hospital. Joyce was actively supported by Bowring's Social Club, and amongst the many functions promoted to aid her candidate were a Car Trial and Barbecue, a Ladies' Social Evening, a Card Evening, a Baby Show, a Powerboat Carnival, River Cruise and more profitable ones. Another outstanding event was the 2-Day Tricycle Marathon. This goodly programme realised £652 in a 4-weeks concentrated effort.

Two Staff members recently sustained accidents. Miss Maureen Smith ( Office Staff ) broke a small bone in the foot as a result of a mishap on the stairs, whilst Mr. W. Keehle ( Hardware Department ) sustained a slight fracture, and torn ligaments, whilst playing basketball.

Good wishes for a rapid recovery to both people.

Newcomers to Store service are

Miss Margaret Arnold, Display; Mr. Peter Haenen, Hardware; Mr. Robert McLean, Liquors; Mr. Peter Pasini, Floor Coverings, and Mr. Ernie Machell, Outside Representative. To all these newcomers, we extend a hearty welcome, coupled with the hope that each person has a happy and prosperous future in the organization.

Mr. Graeme Reynolds has been promoted to the position of Manager of the Hardware Department and we express the hope that this popular officer finds his new duties rewarding and congenial.

BALLARAT

Three new members have joined our ranks, and to these we (and "News Service") extends a very hearty welcome. They are Miss Alina Knight, Office; Miss Pat Osborne, Workroom, and Mr. George Salter, Cleaning Services.

A welcome return to duty is that of Mr. Desmond Feeley, of Menswear, who has been absent for several weeks following a recent minor operation. All Desmond's fellow-employees join in expressing the hope that the obvious improvement combines with unabated vigour.

Robert Rimmington, of Menswear Department, registered an excellent performance recently, when he succeeded in winning the Midlands Golf Club A Division handicap. To quote the local newspaper —

"A junior—Robert Rimmington—maintained the consistent form he has shown during the past few weeks, when he won the A Division handicap on Saturday. Rimmington won by a margin of three strokes after returning a net score of 62. It was his third win in four weeks. In a gross score of 73, he was on the card over the second nine holes in 33.

Scores — A DIVISION

62—R. Rimmington, 11
65—G. Findlay, 13."

A worthwhile performance from an excellent young golfer and popular young officer.

DANDENONG

Congratulations are in order for the Store Manager ( Mr. Erm Green ) and for David Green, who won their section in the Grand Final of the Dandenong and District Tennis Association. A particularly good performance was registered by the pair in their successful efforts.

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CHADSTONE

The recent Barbecue at Maroondah, organized by the Social Club, was a great success. All who attended spent a most enjoyable day, and there is good reason to believe that the function has all "the earmarks" of a repeat performance in the future.

All Staff are deeply interested in the forthcoming marriage of the popular Store Manager ( Mr. Browning ) to Miss Diana Evans of Adelaide. Mr. Browning may be assured that he, and his future wife, will have the good wishes of all at Chadstone when the wedding takes place on Easter Saturday.

OBITUARY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the relatives, and friends, of those whose deaths we record herewith:-

Mrs. Tyler, mother of Miss Tyler, Fashion Floor, City Store.

Mrs. J. Burns, mother of Mr. T. E. Burns, Receiving Room, City Store.

Mrs. J. Anderson, formerly of the Millinery Department, City Store, who died on 27/2/1961.

Mrs. C. A. Ogil, mother of Mr. F. Ogil, Controller Ground Floor, City Store.

Mr. Clarence Edwards, formerly of the Furniture Dept., Collingwood.

Mrs. Kerr, mother of Miss E. Kerr, China Dept., Colac.

Mr. Maloney, brother-in-law of Mrs. E. Matthews,

Mr. E. D. Smith, brother of Mr. G. Smith, Contracts Office, City Store.

Mrs. Neville, aunt of Miss J. Neville, Corset Dept., Prahran.

Mr. B. Morley, uncle of Mrs. M. McCurdy, Luxes, Prahran.